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Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

Congress'l District Park Units	(dollars in thousands)				
	FY 2001 Enacted	FY 2002 Enacted	FY 2003 Uncontrol Changes	FY 2003 Program Changes	FY 2003 Estimate
00 Appalachian NST	893	1,042	5	-2	1,045
05 Delaware Water Gap NRA	7,988	8,124	99	-42	8,181
08,10 Edison NHS	1,999	2,033	22	-10	2,045
06 Gateway NRA	22,288	20,562	263	-112	20,713
11 Morristown NHP	2,024	2,129	21	-9	2,141
06,13 National Parks of New York Harbor	0	248	0	302	550
13 Statue of Liberty NM & Ellis Island	12,039	9,972	82	1,322	11,376

For FY 2003, Program Changes include increases contained in park operations and for counter-terrorism activities. Program Changes are reduced for travel and associated costs by implementing management reforms to achieve savings.

This table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in these programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

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National Parks of New York Harbor; New York and New Jersey \$302,000 to Establish Operations for a New Office

Funding is requested to continue establishment of the National Parks of New York Harbor office. This office has been established to take advantage of the opportunities that exist in the New York metropolitan area to enhance and improve the overall operations of Gateway, Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, Manhattan Sites, and Lower East Side Tenement. Funding would be used to coordinate strategic planning, partnership and education programs, and communication activities for these sites, and to undertake and be responsible for planning and development of new areas such as Governors Island National Monument and the African Burial Ground National Historic Landmark. This office represents the interests of the National Park Service to the New York/New Jersey community at large and with organizations that have common interests and agendas of the National Park Service. It coordinates National Park Service activities with those of federal, state, local, and private groups and organizations to improve and raise the profile of and support for National Park Service operations in the metropolitan area.

Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island; New Jersey and New York (Counter-Terrorism)

\$1,357,000 to Increase Security and Operate Communications Center

Funding is requested to improve physical security and radio communications for Liberty and Ellis Islands. The Statue of Liberty is a highly visible landmark in metropolitan New York City. Its significance is worldwide and it attracts millions of international and domestic visitors, making it vulnerable to attack by virtually any group or individual wishing to damage America's image. Law enforcement at the Statue of Liberty is provided by the U.S. Park Police. This funding would be used to fulfill a need, which was identified as part of an independent vulnerability assessment, to provide increased NPS presence on the island, not outfitted as law enforcement, but trained in emergency and other visitor services, in observing and working with people. Prior to September 11, 2001, visitors were screened when they reached Liberty Island. Funding would be used to operate off-site screening facilities in New York and New Jersey and to enhance security at Ellis Island. Funding would also be used to operate the communications center. This park communications center coordinates critical life and resource protection information for Liberty and Ellis Islands with area emergency response agencies. Additional security for these sites is proposed in an increase for the United State Park Police.

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(dollars in thousands)

PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)
None

LAND ACQUISITION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Delaware Water Gap NRA	461 acres	\$5,000

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION
None

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Gateway NRA	Elevate Hartshorne Drive	\$2,500

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS
State apportionment: \$772

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$4,056

(Does not include \$48,600,000 for Cooperative Conservation Initiative, which will be distributed to the states through national competition.)

Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Federal Land Acquisition

Fiscal Year 2003 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

Program or Park Area: **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area**

National Park Service Land Acquisition Priority (FY 2003): Priority No. 10

Location: In the New Jersey-New York Watershed

States/Countries/Congressional Districts:

State of New Jersey/Sussex and Warren Counties/ Congressional District No. 5

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania/Monroe, Northampton and Pike Counties/Congressional District Nos. 10, 15

Land Acquisition Limitation Remaining: There is no limitation.

Cost Detail: The estimated annual operating costs associated with this acquisition are \$0.060 million

Date	Acres	Total Amount
FY 2003 Request	461	\$5,000
Future Funding Need	1,419	\$7,000

The total amount includes the cost of title, appraisal, environmental site assessment, acquisition, and relocation assistance.

Improvements: Residential

Description: Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area was authorized September 1, 1965, to provide outdoor recreational use of the area and to preserve the scenic, scientific, and historic features contributing to public enjoyment of such lands.

Natural/Cultural Resources Associated with Proposal: Located within easy driving distance of a population estimated at 30 million, Delaware Water Gap provides needed open space and recreational opportunities such as swimming, fishing, boating, camping, picnicking, and hiking. Within the boundary, there are over 70 structures on or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Threat: Although acquisition will generally follow the priorities established in the area's land protection plan, first consideration will continue to be the acquisition of hardship tracts as required by law. The prevention of imminent development is the second protection priority due to the proximity of the area to major urban centers.

Need: Funds totaling \$5,000,000 are needed in fiscal year 2003 to acquire a 461.03-acre tract containing a golf course, an historic inn, and guest cottages. The property has been owned by the same family for over 150 years. The property features rolling, groomed lawn and naturalized areas, with frontage on two roads. A road on the property leads to a popular scenic overlook known as "The Knob". During Congressional hearings on the enabling legislation for the national recreation area, Congress declared its intent that, so long as the property was used as a golf course and the surrounding land preserved as open space, the United States would make no attempt to acquire the property. The elderly owners now need to sell and would prefer to see the property acquired by the United States to benefit the national recreation area. Because of intense development occurring in the surrounding area, Federal acquisition and protection of the tracts is a high priority of the National Park Service. *Acquisition of these lands will contribute to the NPS GPRA Goal 1a Preserve Natural and Cultural Resources and to Goal IIa Provide for Visitor Safety and Satisfaction.*

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Interaction with Landowners and Partners: The Service has maintained regular contact with the landowner. The local community, aware of the intense development occurring in the area, strongly supports acquisition of this unique property by the National Park Service.